

Introduced by Senator Romero

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Section 13997 of, and to add and repeal Section 13997.5 of, the Government Code, relating to trade and investment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1513, as introduced, Romero. Business, Transportation and Housing Agency: trade and investment.

Existing law sets forth the duties and authority of the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing generally. The secretary is authorized to accept private sector moneys for the purposes of promoting international trade and investment, subject to specified criteria.

Existing law requires the Governor to direct the secretary to establish, on a contract basis, and to the extent funds are available for that purpose, an international trade and investment office in Yerevan, in the Republic of Armenia.

This bill would additionally authorize the secretary to conduct activities related to domestic and international trade and investment on behalf of the state, including the establishment of international trade and investment offices. It would also require, until January 1, 2010, the secretary to establish, on a contract basis, and to the extent funds are available for that purpose, an international trade and investment office in Mexico and 2 international trade and investment offices in Asia.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13997 of the Government Code is amended to read:

13997. (a) The Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing may *conduct activities related to domestic and international trade and investment on behalf of the state.*

(b) *In exercising the authority provided under subdivision (a), the secretary may establish international trade and investment offices in addition to any authorized under this chapter, in the manner and in the locations he or she determines to be in the best interests of the state.*

(c) *The secretary may accept private sector moneys in an amount not in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per donation made to the state for the purposes of promoting international trade and investment, subject to Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000), and not in excess of a total of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per quarter per donor. All private sector moneys shall be used for these purposes but the donor may specify the international trade and investment office or international trade or investment event for which the private sector money shall be used. The private sector moneys shall be deposited into the Economic Development and Trade Promotion Account, which is hereby established in the Special Deposit Fund in the State Treasury. The secretary may expend moneys in the account, without regard to fiscal years, for the purposes of this section. Moneys in the Economic Development and Trade Promotion Account may be allocated to an international trade and investment office, and if so allocated shall be maintained by that office in an account. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the secretary may use the private sector moneys for expenses incurred to promote international trade and investment that will directly benefit California business. Records of donations received and expenditures made pursuant to this section shall be subject to public disclosure.*

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(d) *The international trade and investment office using the funds shall memorialize the payment in a written record as follows:*

1 (1) Identifies the donor and the official or officials receiving or
2 using the payment.

3 (2) Describes the official agency use and the nature and
4 amount of each payment.

5 (3) Is filed with the Business, Transportation and Housing
6 Agency that maintains the records of the agency's statements of
7 economic interests, and the filing is done within 30 days of the
8 receipt of the payment by the agency.

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10 (e) Nothing in this section shall affect any requirement of the
11 Political Reform Act (Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000)).

12 SEC. 2. Section 13997.5 is added to the Government Code, to
13 read:

14 13997.5. (a) The Secretary of Business, Transportation and
15 Housing shall establish, on a contract basis, an international trade
16 and investment office in Mexico, to serve the regions of Central
17 and South America, and two offices in Asia, to serve the regions
18 of South and East Asia, respectively.

19 (b) The secretary shall report to the Legislature on the success
20 of the international trade and investment offices no later than
21 June 1, 2009. The report shall include, but not be limited to, all of
22 the following:

23 (1) The level of investment and tourism directed to California
24 as a direct result of the international trade and investment offices.

25 (2) The level of imports sent to California as a direct result of
26 the international trade and investment offices.

27 (3) The level of California exports sent to the regions of
28 served by the international trade and investment offices as a
29 direct result of the offices.

30 (4) A cost-benefit analysis of the international trade and
31 investment offices.

32 (5) An analysis of the costs and outcomes of the international
33 trade and investment office compared with those of other
34 international trade and investment offices.

35 (c) This section shall be implemented only to the extent that
36 funds are available to the Business, Transportation and Housing
37 Agency for this purpose from any source, including, but not
38 limited to, federal funding and private donations authorized
39 pursuant to Section 13997. Private donations made pursuant to
40 Section 13997 and specified for the international trade and

1 investment offices shall be deposited in a separate subaccount
2 within the Economic Development and Trade Promotion
3 Account and may be used only for the operation of those offices.

4 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,
5 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
6 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends
7 that date.